CARDINIA

Women's Giving Circle

Connecting.Giving.
Creating change.

Who we are

Cardinia Community Foundation VIC exists to inspire local giving and create lasting change across Cardinia. As an independent community foundation, we strengthen our region by supporting local families, people in need, and initiatives that improve lives now while building a brighter future for generations to come.

Guided by our values of Integrity, Commitment, Local, Impact and Independence, we work alongside businesses, donors and community partners to invest where it matters most.

Since 2003, our community has enabled us to distribute more than $1,010,000 in grants through fundraising to create a legacy of local giving with powerful results.

Our Strategic Focus Areas

Family Resilience

Children, Youth & Wellbeing

Housing Stability & Homelessness

Food Security & Crisis Support

About the Women's Giving Circle

Too many women in our community feel isolated, disconnected or unsure where they truly belong. At the same time, local organisations are working tirelessly to support women and girls but often lack the resources to meet growing needs.

The Cardinia Women's Giving Circle is an opportunity to change that. More than a fundraising initiative, the Giving Circle brings women together to build meaningful connections while creating lasting change across Cardinia.

By becoming a member, you will collectively support local projects that improve the lives of women and girls, while also building a permanent Named Fund that will continue giving for generations to come.

Together, we're creating more than grants. We're building friendships, strengthening our community, and creating a legacy of women supporting women - today and for generations to come.

What does membership offer?

Your membership combines giving, connection and community involvement, with members helping direct funding to local projects supporting women and girls.

As a member, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Connect with like-minded women who share a passion for giving back.
- Learn about the issues and opportunities affecting women and girls in Cardinia.
- Contribute your time, skills, knowledge or mentorship.
- Gather at inspiring networking and community events throughout the year.
- Have your say by helping select local projects to receive funding.

It's a chance to meet new people, share ideas, make a difference and be part of something bigger - women supporting women, right here in Cardinia.

Who we support

Funding will support initiatives that target projects linked to:

- Engage women in Cardinia to combat loneliness and isolation
- Address and respond to domestic and family violence
- Support women re-entering the workforce after having children
- Young women and education

How it works

Every annual membership helps create both immediate and lasting impact across our community.

40% – Supporting Local Projects*
Distributed annually through the Cardinia Community Foundation's grants program to projects that improve the lives of women and girls across Cardinia.

40% – Building a Lasting Legacy*
Invested into the Women's Giving Circle Named Fund, creating a permanent community asset that will generate ongoing support for local initiatives and provide a resource for future community needs and times of crisis.

20% – Connection & Engagement
Supports the delivery of Giving Circle events, networking opportunities, member engagement and administration, bringing women together to connect, learn and help shape local giving

Tax Deductible

* 80% of membership fees are tax deductible

Grants

All grant applications follow the Cardinia Community Foundation’s established grants process, with due diligence and assessment by the Grants Distribution Subcommittee.

Giving Circle members vote on shortlisted projects, ensuring funding is transparent and community-led. Together, members turn collective generosity into lasting change for women and girls across Cardinia.

Annual Membership Options

Impact Partner

$3,000 annually

- 3 tickets to every featured event (you + 2 guests)
- 50% off other Foundation events
- One event sponsorship - present at an event
- Branding opportunities

Impact Member

$1,000 annually

- 1 ticket to every featured event
- 50% off other Foundation events*

Inspire Member

$500 annually

- 50% off Giving Circle featured events

Ignite Member

$100 annually

For girls under 18 - building lifelong connection to community leadership and philanthropy.

- 50% off Giving Circle featured events
- Youth committee oppertunity

Pay it Forward

add $100

Sponsor an Ignite Membership for a young person or someone in the community who'd love to join the Giving Circle but may not otherwise have the chance.

- 2 - 3 Featured events held annually
- Monthly payments available
- Over 18+ joins grant decision making

Note - 80% membership fees can be tax deductible
***Other foundation events include ticketed business events only**

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The future of our community is shaped by those who choose to invest in it. We'd love you to be part of that story.

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